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Applicant: Kramer
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Title: DIAGNOSTIC REMOTE CONTROL
Docket No.: 60,130-569

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Reconsideration of the Final Rejection of February 28, 2001 is requested.

This invention relates to a system and method which allows a technician outside of the cab of a vehicle to visually inspect actuation of components on the vehicle. Thus, a signal is sent to an electronic control device on a vehicle for actuating electrical components on the vehicle. Moreover, certain of the claims require that the actuation occur in some sequence.

The Examiner rejects the claims over the *Cloverdill, et al.* '080 patent. *Cloverdill* discloses nothing of the sort of method or apparatus as is provided by applicant's invention. *Cloverdill, et al.* provides two functions. In a first function, a control of some sort is able to determine which components may be on a vehicle. To this end, the control queries the vehicle to determine which components are sending signals. No ability to actuate any component is provided. As a secondary function, *Cloverdill, et al.* does allow the resetting of a control device to remove previously stored faults. However, this is simply not the actuation of any component.

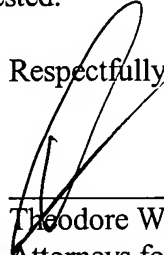
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The Examiner makes the statement that "if *Cloverdill, et al.* system can reset or monitor the subsystems, it also can actuating the electrical components on the vehicle in response to the signal from the transmitter". There is simply no support anywhere in *Cloverdill, et al.* to justify the statement. Further, the question is not whether the *Cloverdill, et al.* electronics could perform the method or apparatus features of the claim, the question is do they. *Cloverdill, et al.* does not meet the steps of the claim, and these rejections are thus improper. Withdrawal of all rejections and passage of this case to issue is therefore requested.

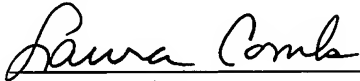
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